Internet gateway to Hyderabad

561. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade Hyderabad immediately to A-l status and to provide it with its own international Internet gateway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cross border internet fraud

562. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United States and twelve other countries would start sharing confidential data about the complaints received from the consumers to crack down on cross border Internet fraud;

(b) if so, whether India would also share the confidential data; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. In May, 2001, an international Internet Fraud Agreement was concluded between the US, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Korea, Sweden, Switzerland and the U.K. Under the agreement, complaints from consumers will be shared with participating law-enforcement agencies through the US Federal Trade Commission. A public website e-consumer. gov has been set up to see complaints from consumers against companies located in the participating countries.

(b) No, Sir. India is not a party to this agreement.

(c) Internet based infrastructure for e-commerce for trade is under implementation in India. The need may arise after gaining experience in this regard.